

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 21, 2009**

PRESENT: Joe Vitale, Sara Carpenter, Ed Cohen, Missy Kueht-Becker, Jim Pearson, Lisa McLean, Nichole Hunkins, Raquel Mehring, Cheri Sylla, Barb Holtz, Kim Lamster, Michelle Du Bord, Polina Makievsky, Greg Jonas, Wes Jarrell

Jim Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Vitale made a motion, seconded by Sara Carpenter to approve the minutes of March 19, 2009. The motion was voted on and carried.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Joe Vitale reported positive feedback on the CAFSAC Needs List presentation of April 2, 2009. The manner in which it was presented is the foundation which we need to continue to build on, and it is important on how much is saved for the county by the interaction and preventions that all organizations present do. On May 7, 2009 the Health and Human Services Board met with County Executive Vrakas. The meeting went well with unanimous support of the needs. Discussion of a possible sales tax where proceeds would be directed to benefit Health and Human Services was mentioned.

ISSUE SEGMENT – UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY

Nicole Hunkins with United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Wisconsin presented information on respite/recreational alternatives for families with a child with a disability. In Waukesha County there are 200 families who are active in the respite program and 70 families on the waiting list. The Respite Program has been moved under the direction of Jesus Mireles, Children and Family Services Division Manager. UCP and Waukesha County have been working closely to maximize the funding and have been successful in taking 30 families off the waiting list. The Respite Program provides 10 hours a month of relief to families from the stresses of the daily responsibilities of caring for a family member with a disability. Nicole touched on some of the individual programs, like the R&R club that is conducted in partnership with the park and recreational department. A monthly newsletter is also combined by Nicole for families listing anything that parents would find helpful.

A question and answer session followed.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Eve Altizer was not able to attend due to another commitment. She will report at the June 18th meeting.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A brat and hot dog fundraiser for the Family Fund Day bus will be held on Sunday, June 7th at Sam's Club in Waukesha. Family Fund Day will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at Wisconsin Dells.

Mark your calendars for November 16-17, 2009 for the Children Come First conference sponsored by Wisconsin Family Ties.

Missy Kueht-Becker reported that there are still openings for the June 6th 9th Annual Bravado Challenge fundraiser which will benefit the LSS Birth to Three program. This event is a run, walk, bike, kayak and canoeing event that the parents have organized for the past eight years. Looking for volunteers and participants. For more information contact Tim Held the event organizer at 262-896-0733, or www.bravadochallenge.org

United Way Initiative – Caregiver Awareness Simulation – June 18, 2009, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Carroll University. Get first hand experience of what it means to be a caregiver, how you can help get connected/support, and caregivers in the community.

The next Addiction series “Why Can’t They Just Stop” will begin on Monday, July 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at ProHealth Care in Mukwonago.

The La Casa de Esperanza 2009 Children’s Summer Meal Program begins June 15 – August 31, 2009. A free nutritious breakfast and lunch is served Monday through Friday to anyone age 18 years and under, and 21 years and under for persons with disabilities. Breakfast is 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. and Lunch is 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

UCP “Dream Night” will be held on June 11, 2009 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

An advocacy training for the People Can’t Wait work group will be held on May 27th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Human Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Cohen made a motion, seconded by Joe Vitale to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved on _____
(Date)